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## UN-AMERICAN!

### Judges turn park into foreign car lot



All but one of the judges' cars parked in the pedestrian walkway in Columbus Park are foreign. Some say that's downright un-American.

By Sarah Portlock  
The Brooklyn Paper

It's un-American!  
Not only have state Supreme Court judges angered Downtowners by commandeering the northern part of Columbus Park for a private parking lot, but that parking lot is filled almost entirely with foreign cars, a Brooklyn Paper investigation reveals.  
On Tuesday and Wednesday, 15 out of 16 cars parked in the judges' temporary lot were made by non-American companies. The sole American car on the Goldman Plaza side of 360 Adams St. courthouse was a Ford Mustang convertible.  
And the plethora of foreign cars was equally posh, ranging from German BMWs and Japanese Lexus sedans alongside more traditional Hondas, Toyotas, and Nissans. There was also a Swedish-built Volvo.  
Looking out over the lot on Wednesday afternoon, a court officer laughed when he realized that more than 93 percent of the cars were not from the Detroit Big Three (soon to be Big Two).  
"I guess that's the state of America now — we buy foreign," said the guard, who would not give his name.

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## Banner day for Obama

A group of Barack Obama supporters unfurled a massive flag in the Long Meadow of Prospect Park on Saturday, making a statement that no one political party owns patriotism. That — and the kids loved playing on it.

## Bloomy on Marty: He's okay by me

By Mike McLaughlin  
The Brooklyn Paper

Mayor Bloomberg offered only lukewarm support on Tuesday for his embattled ally Borough President Markowitz, who's come under intense ethical scrutiny since The Brooklyn Paper reported last month that his private charity has received hundreds of thousands of dollars from Bruce Ratner, the Atlantic Yards developer who has enjoyed strong support from Markowitz.

Government watchdogs called the charitable donations a "pay-back" for Markowitz's cheerleading of the \$4-billion project, and the city comptroller howled after some of the money was doled out in no-bid contracts.

This week, it got hotter for Markowitz, with the New York Post reporting that Bloomberg himself also gave millions to the Bep's charity. A Post editorial called Markowitz "represensible," and demanded the elimination of the largely ceremonial borough presidents.

But Bloomberg, making a stop in Downtown Brooklyn on Tuesday, defended Markowitz and his fellow borough leaders — well, sort of.

"They [Markowitz and the four other borough presidents] are probably worth the money," Hizzoner said.

Markowitz's office runs on a yearly budget of \$5 million, employs 84 people — including a \$45,000 proclamations writer — and boasts a fleet of seven cars.

Even as Bloomberg was somewhat tentative about whether the city is getting enough borough presidential bang for its taxpayer bucks, he did say that Markowitz stood out from the crowd.

"Borough President Markowitz has been one of the most aggressive ones... [He] calls all the time for the mayor to come cut a ribbon or something," Bloomberg said, referring to himself in the third person.

Markowitz, a former state Senator from Flatbush who is nearing the end of his second term this last, if term limits remain in place) intentionally ducked city oversight when he awarded four no-bid contracts from his Best of Brooklyn charity at just one dollar less than the threshold for an automatic review by Comptroller Bill Thompson, who frowned on the chequered purchase.

"The contracts... were clearly meant to circumvent the transparency [of] the contract registration process," Thompson's spokeswoman Laura Rivera said in a statement.

Other documents obtained by The Brooklyn Paper showed that Markowitz's Best of Brooklyn reaped hefty contributions from Ratner, his company, Forest City Ratner; its executives; and subsidiaries.

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It's Vegetarian Restaurant Week — and chef-owner Cody Utzman of Papacitos restaurant and beer garden in Greenpoint is ready, even if vegetarians are not.

## Stick a fork in it!

### Vegetarianism wilts on eve of boro fest

By Mike McLaughlin  
The Brooklyn Paper

Meat is certainly murder — murder on vegetarian restaurants, that is.

Next week is Brooklyn's second annual vegetarian restaurant week — but even the organizer says the herbivorous event can't blossom because diners keep getting steered towards beef, pork, poultry and other protein-packed pleasures of the flesh.

Only seven restaurants from Greenpoint to Park Slope concocted special vegetarian and vegan menus to lure in plant-eaters for "Brooklyn Goes Veg!" between Oct. 19 and 25.

Many of the proprietors told The Brooklyn Paper that demand for their animal-free fare has flattened out. Melissa Danielle, the restaurant week producer, said that the crash of vegetarianism is a result of livestock being raised more humanely and in a more environmentally conscious manner — reducing the knee-jerk reaction against consuming animals.

"[That has] something to do with vegetarian food losing momentum," she said.

But even if the movement is losing traction,

**EXCLUSIVE**

Danielle said Brooklyn Goes Veg! will be a feast for the ages.

"It's not necessarily about bringing new people in, it's about celebrating what exists," she said.

Danielle added that she tried to cook up support from NYC & Co, the city's official tourism promoter, but claimed the promotional group didn't want to send a message that tourists should limit themselves to flora when on vacation in such a diverse food city as New York.

"They get very sensitive around you using the word 'vegetarian' or 'vegan,' because they don't want to say, 'Don't eat meat,'" Danielle said.

Not all the participating eateries are strictly vegetarian. The reason? If you want to be successful these days, you can't risk having patrons ask, "Where's the beef?" — a main problem of all-vegetarian joints.

That's why Cody Utzman, chef-owner of Papacitos, a Mexican joint on Manhattan Avenue in Greenpoint, offers tacos and enchiladas in meat, veggie and vegan varieties. (Next week, all lunch tacos are \$1.50 for the fest.)

But don't count out vegetarian entirely. There are still some people who are willing to experiment with the vegan lifestyle for a night or two, said Matteo Silverman, the chef at 4 Course Vegan, a private supper club in Williamsburg.

"Sixty to 70 percent of my customers are not vegan," he said. "They're just seeking out quality, seasonal food."

But even Silverman admitted that there are fewer and fewer new vegetarian restaurants in the last year or two because non-vegetarian eateries are doing a better job, thanks to increasingly high-quality local produce available at green markets.

Eating vegetarian no longer means pasta primavera seven nights a week.

Still, the trend appears to be in the direction of all-vegetarian menus going the way of the dodo bird (which, apparently, tasted pretty darn good) since the bumper year of vegetarian restaurant, 2002.

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## Holy Sitt! City beats Joe to Coney land

By Mike McLaughlin  
The Brooklyn Paper

The city won a key battle in the block-by-block war for the future of Coney Island by buying a parcel of land once coveted by Mayor Bloomberg's bitter rival.

The Economic Development Corporation paid \$11 million for part of the land where Deno's Wonder Wheel park stands — and thus sent Joe Sitt of Thor Equities reeling.

Sitt's own bid to buy the parcel from the Ward family reportedly unraveled this summer.

The one-acre site is the first piece of the puzzle in the city's plan to transform the kitschy and individually owned attractions in Coney Island into a city-owned, year-round, Vegas-style, acre-acre theme park.

Counting this week's purchase, the city now owns about four of those nine acres while Sitt owns five, plus about six adjacent acres.

Coney Island stalwarts cheered the news that the city — not Sitt — had secured the plum piece of Boardwalk-front property. Dennis Vourderis, who operates both the Wonder Wheel and its adjacent attractions, was especially pleased. He owns the land under the landmark Ferris wheel, but was only a tenant on the land that the city just bought.

"We are delighted with the news that the city... will be our landlord," said Vourderis in a statement.



The city has edged out rival, Joe Sitt of Thor Equities, by purchasing an acre of land adjacent to the landmark Wonder Wheel — the first step towards implementing Mayor Bloomberg's, and not Sitt's, vision for a new Coney Island Xanadu.

City officials rushed to say that the purchase of land would not threaten the popular Deno's theme park.

"Wonder Wheel Park maintains a lease to operate on the property for a term of 12 years, through 2020," the city statement said.

Standing in the way of the city's sweeping redevelopment plan is, of course, Sitt and his acres of prime oceanfront real estate in the proposed amusement core, bounded by the Boardwalk, Surf Avenue, and West 10th and West 16th streets.

For decades, that area has slowly slid into decay. But in 2003, Sitt started buying up properties inside and outside Coney's declining amusement area, eventually unveiling a \$2-billion Xanadu that called for a massive new theme park, new rides, an indoor entertainment complex and, more controversially, hotels and residential units.

In a bombshell purchase, Sitt paid Astroland owner Carol Albert \$30 million for her land in 2006.

Thor then leased the land back to Albert for the past two years, but she abruptly closed the park after Labor Day, because Thor had not agreed to another extension.

To counter Sitt's vision, Bloomberg last fall showed off his own plan to rezone the amusement area as parkland that would be leased out to a single theme-park operator or to multiple.

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## No kids to drop off anymore

Smartmom is beginning to adjust to life after elementary school. But it hasn't been easy. For 11 years, one or the other of her children attended PS 321.

That's a long time to be affiliated with one place. Why, that's longer than any job Smartmom has ever held. So it's un-

derstandable that Smartmom still finds herself drawn to the school's lobby in the morning and even wanders into the parent's office, though she has no real business being there.

The Oh So Feisty One, on the other hand, has moved on. Sure, the first weeks were tough: she cried to Smartmom how much

she missed elementary school. It was hard not to know all the kids and teachers or her way around the building. "Just when you get used to one place, they make you go somewhere new," she said.

Smartmom how she felt, but by the end of the second week of school, OSFO had adjusted. Now, she's on the Seventh Avenue bus

— all by herself — at 8:30, and that leaves Smartmom on her own.

So when Smartmom finds herself walking past PS 321 on her way to the office, she feels strange to be childless.



By Louise Crawford

What a swirl of

memories. Smartmom thinks of all the kids that Teen Spirit went to school with. Now they're 17 and in their senior year of high school.

And then she visualizes all the parents, kids, teachers, and staff she knows from OSFO's years there. The names of OSFO's teachers — Jenna, Joanna, Laurie, Pascal, Simone, Gillian, Terry and Kathleen — float through her head.

And now, the kindergarten and first graders look so small; and the moms and dads look young, very young. It's like a new generation of people has taken over (and they're better looking and richer, Smartmom thinks).

It all makes Smartmom feel old. It makes her realize that an important stage of her life is really over and that's hard to face. She won't ever be pregnant again or be the mom of a 5-year-old. Maybe that's a good thing, but Smartmom still envies the parents that are going through it for the first time. What an amazing time that was.

Then again, maybe not. Those years were so fraught with fear and expectation. With the fun, there was the worry. Is he learning enough? Is she reading at grade level? What's with his handwriting? Are they making friends?

Lately, Smartmom has been meeting up with some of her old mom friends from PS 321 for coffee at Sweet Melissa's. "Let's meet at drop-off," they say. It's kind of a joke, but all of them are still on PS 321 time, and it feels right to be sitting in Sweet Melissa's with Harriet Harriet, Brandy Lawyer and Poetry Czar at 8:30.

Over coffee and oatmeal, the friends talk about the middle school adjustment. Their kids are spread out at schools all over the city, which means big changes for the moms, too.

Most of the kids seem to like their new situations but it's been hard for the moms. New friends, new commutes, new homework

loads. There are even new parents to gossip about and new teachers and kids to kvell — or complain — about.

During their breakfasts, Smartmom and her friends reminisce and gossip a bit. They talk about the old days. Teachers. The PTA. Parents and kids they don't see anymore.

Eventually the conversation moves on to other things. Jobs. Husbands. Money. It feels just like old times when their children were in elementary school. The words flow, the sense of connection thickens, the shared frame of reference is just what Smartmom needs. Ah yes, the comfort of one's friends over breakfast. And the coffee tastes as good as ever. Maybe even better.

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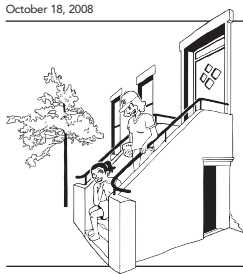
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## NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

### BOROUGH WIDE



It's a dirty business: Eva Radke owns Film Biz Recycling, a company that salvages items from film sets and recycles whatever cannot be saved.

## It's a wrap!

By Josh Spiro  
for The Brooklyn Paper

Film crews use Brooklyn as a backdrop for everything from detergent commercials to Hollywood blockbusters—but when the director calls “cut,” our borough is left holding the bag in the form of tons of needless waste.

That's when Eva Radke yells, “Action.” Disturbed by the trash abandoned by Hollywood's minions, Radke founded Film Biz Recycling, a Fort Greene-based company that picks up materials from locations and then recycles, donates, rents out, or sells whatever can be sold.

In just five months, Radke has already collected material from more than a dozen commercials and four feature films, including “Motherhood” starring Uma Thurman and Minnie Driver, and “The Rebound” starring Catherine Zeta-Jones.

It all started with a toothpaste commercial. Radke, then a prop and set manager, was wrapping up the commercial shoot, and noticed that \$5,000 worth of mint plants was being junked, along with Plexiglas, paint and other materials.

“It was my job to take care of it—and that really started to get to me,” said Radke. “The answer up that point was always to call a Dumpster and have it hauled off. But I refused.”

There are other organizations doing similar work, such as Materials for the Arts, but they don't always work quickly enough for the rushed film industry. Commercial often have one day to clean up while films have one week. Despite the time crunch, Radke anticipates green behavior becoming a reflex—an industry standard.

“I'm hoping that people in the film business will start to feel really uncomfortable and embarrassed if they don't send [their runoff] to Film Biz Recycling,” she said.

The biggest waste is common wood. Radke said that commercials spend roughly \$10,000–\$20,000 on lumber alone, while movies spend an average of \$750,000. In five years, she says she'll be able to save 50 tons and \$5 million worth of would-be junk.

### FORT GREENE

## BAM! New theater on the map

By Mike McLaughlin  
The Brooklyn Paper

They say the neon lights are bright in Fort Greene, thanks to the arrival of an acclaimed Off-Broadway theater company to the brownstone neighborhood.

The Irontide Ensemble Project has converted a disused wing of the historic Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church on South Oxford Street, that has not been used since before World War II into the company's first permanent home in its 25-year existence.

When the curtain goes up for the first performance on Oct. 22, Irontide will officially join the growing BAM Cultural District, Brooklyn's answer to Lincoln Center, which is transforming Fort Greene into the creative seat of the borough and adding hundreds of units of housing to blocks around the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

“We're really got the potential to develop a neighborhood historically and culturally at the forefront of that,” said Irontide Executive Director Terry Greiss, whose theater is at the eastern edge of the district. “This is the perfect space for us.”

His group's domain is the upper floors of the massive church between Lafayette and Greene avenues, which was a hotbed of abolitionist fervor before the Civil War. The company opted not to install a permanent stage or seating, so it can tailor the wide-open space for each production and stay up close and personal with the theatergoers.

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Nor is the theater separate from the space's religious history. Reminders of its past life are incapable. Passages from the Bible remain on the walls, Tiffany



An unused wing of the historic Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church in Fort Greene is now the Irontide Ensemble Project.

a glass-walled Rafael Vinoly-designed cultural center. “We wanted something that was completely versatile and raw and changeable,” said Greiss. “This is the perfect space for us.”

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stained-glass windows dot the perimeter of the balcony and front doors leading to what were once Sunday-school classrooms line the theater's bottom level.

Originally, the developers plotting the BAM Cultural District offered the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church's space to celebrated choreographer Twyla Tharp and her troupe. She accepted the deal to much fanfare in 2001, but later bailed because the lease was too expensive.

Now, about seven years and \$2.5 million in renovation later, the first show is set, a staging of “Peter Pan” that is said to be faithful to J.M. Barrie's stormy, adult text and not the corrupted, sugar-coated Walt Disney version.

“Barrie said if the audience is not rooting for Hook at the end of the play, then you've done it incorrectly,” said Greiss.

Next up is “London Crises,” which is drawn from first-hand accounts of “prostitutes, sewer men, flower girls, criminals and common” in Victorian England.

Aside from the performances, the Irontide also has an education component. Its members work with students in city schools and with the inmate population on Rikers Island.

The Irontide Ensemble Project is at 85 South Oxford St. (between Lafayette and Greene avenues). Visit [www.irontide.org](http://www.irontide.org) or call (718) 488-9233 for info.

### PARKING

## 4 nabes cut alternate side rules

The Brooklyn Paper

Street cleaning schedules in a swath of Boerum Hill, Downtown, Fort Greene and Clinton Hill will change drastically after a key neighborhood panel voted to approve a city proposal to cut the hours by half.

Community Board 2 voted 21 to 4 last Tuesday to accept the Department of Sanitation's proposal to cut alternate-side-of-the-street cleaning hours from twice a week to once a week.

The approval comes after a long fight to get the hours cut—though the Board's Transportation Committee voted last



The city plans to change alternate-side rules in Community Board 2.

month to reject the proposal because no one from the Department of Sanitation was on hand to answer lingering questions.

This time, though, drivers were elated by the vote.

“The reduction in alternate-side parking regulations has finally been realized,” said Community Board 2 Chairman John Dew. “[It] will bring much needed relief to the community, while helping to reduce unnecessary pollution.”

Longtime Boerum Hill resident and transportation committee member Bill Harris added that the change “may be tough for people who use cars frequently,” but said local streets “are clean enough to justify cleaning once per week.”

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## SATURDAY

October 18



### Learned Lopate

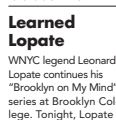
WNYC legend Leonard Lopate continues his "Brooklyn on My Mind" series at Brooklyn College, tonight, Lopate and his band of bards — this time, it's Eric Alterman of The Nation and Robert George of the New York Post's editorial page — take up the presidential race (and the role that race plays in the).

7 pm. Whitman Auditorium at Brooklyn College (2900 Bedford Ave., at Avenue H in Flatbush, (718) 951-4500) \$5.

3-7 pm. Tobacco Warehouse (enter at Water Street at Dock Street in DUMBO). Tickets are \$80 (it's a fundraiser). For info, visit [streetvendor.org/venyds](http://streetvendor.org/venyds).

## MONDAY

October 20



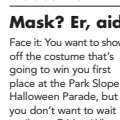
### Downtown Boo-lynn

City Tech's entertainment technology department has outdone itself again with its haunted hotel, the Gravesend Inn — a spooky (and definitely not for kids) Halloween lodge filled with skeletons, ghosts and ghouls, all played by City Tech actors. It's the Bates Motel — as imagined by Tim Burton.

1-5 pm. Voorhees Theater at City Tech (186 Jay St., near Tillary Street in Downtown Brooklyn, (718) 260-5109) \$6.

## THURSDAY

October 23



### Mask? Er, aid

Face it: You want to show off the costume that's going to win you first place at the Park Slope Halloween Parade, but you don't want to wait until next Friday. What better chance than at tonight's masquerade fundraiser for the Old Stone House? Our advice? Go as a Redcoat.

8 pm. Brooklyn Lyceum (227 Fourth Ave., at President Street in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195). Tickets are \$40 and can be bought at [www.nycharities.org](http://www.nycharities.org).

## SATURDAY

October 25



### Make 'War'

Sci-fi fans, this is your Woodstock. Today, the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts presents a double-feature of "War of the Worlds" and "The Lost World." The staging by John DeLancey (O from "Star Trek") updates and improves.

3 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts (2900 Bedford Ave., at Avenue H in Flatbush, (718) 951-4600). Tickets, \$20-\$30 (half-priced for kids under 18).

# NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

Compiled by Susan Rosenthal Jay

## SAT, OCT 18

### OUTDOORS

**BIRDING INTRO:** Free. Noon. Prospect Park Audubon Center (enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue, (718) 287-3403).

**BOAT TOUR:** See Prospect Park's Lullwater aboard an electric boat. \$6. \$3 kids under 12. Boats leave between 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue or Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard. (718) 287-3400.

### PERFORMANCE

**THEATER, "DOO SEES GOOD":** Dark comedy. 5:30-7:30 pm. New Workshop Theater at Brooklyn College (2900 Bedford Ave., at Avenue H, (718) 951-4500).

**MUSIC, "ETHEL'S TRUCK STOP":** Multicultural, multi-genre music, fuzzy rock and string quartet. Tickets, \$20-\$40. 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music's Harvey Theater (651 Fulton St., between Ashland and Rockwell places in Fort Greene, (718) 638-4100).

**THEATER, "WOYZECK":** Iceland's Vesturport Theater presents a contemporary take on Georg Buchner's 1837 working-class drama. Tickets, \$20-\$40. 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music (30 Lafayette Ave., between St. Felix Street and Ashland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 638-4100).

**CLASSICAL MUSIC, All-Beethoven concert.** \$35, \$20 students. 8 pm. Bargemusic Fulton Ferry Landing. Old Fulton Street at the East River. (718) 624-2083).

**RHAPSODY PLAYERS, "GROWING TUNES":** Songs of the 1950s, '60s and '70s. \$25 includes wine and snacks. 8 pm. Our Lady of Guadalupe School (1518 73rd St. at 15th Avenue in Bensonhurst, (718) 259-9566).

**THEATER, "LIKE YOU LIKE IT":** New musical opens at the Gallery Players (199 14th St., between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope). Tickets are \$18 and can be bought by calling (212) 352-3101 or visiting [www.galleryplayers.com](http://www.galleryplayers.com).

**"PENNY DREADFUL":** Episode 12 of the serialized horror mystery. \$8. 10:30 pm. The Brick Theater (573 Metropolitan Ave., between Lorimer Street and Union Avenue in Williamsburg). Reservations: [pennydreadful.com](http://pennydreadful.com).



**Economic news:** Bob Laine stars as J.P. Morgan and Joseph Ryan is the newboy in "Penny Dreadful," the long-running serial at Williamsburg's Brick Theater. Episode 12 is Oct. 18 and 19.

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**OTHER**

**FLA MARKET:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Church of the Holy Spirit (8117 Bay Parkway at 81st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 837-0412).

**TAG SALE:** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (7420 Fourth Ave., between 74th and 76th streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-8520).

**GROUP SHOW:** "Art in Free Fall" features more than 300 painters, sculptors, printmakers and photographers. Free. 1-4 pm. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition (499 Van Brunt St., south of Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 596-2506).

**CRAFT FEST:** Unique and one-of-a-kind items including ceramics, tableware, children's toys, jewelry, clothes, glass and handmade. Free. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition (499 Van Brunt St., south of Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 596-2506).

**ARTISTS STUDIO TOUR:** Self-guided walk features the studios of 140 artists of the Gowanus Canal district. Free. 1-6 pm. For map and directions, visit [www.agast-brooklyn.com](http://www.agast-brooklyn.com).

**PANEL DISCUSSION:** "Negotiating Identities in Contemporary Art and Society." Discussion explores the cultural context in which contemporary artists such as Gilbert and George emerged. \$8. \$4 students and seniors. 2 pm. Brooklyn Museum (200 Eastern Pkwy at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000).

**FILM, BARRETT SCHROEDER'S "GENERAL IO AMIN DADA":** Tickets \$11, \$7.50 students and kids 12 and under. 2 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:15 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music (30 Lafayette Ave., between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 638-4100).

**Monthly meeting, 68th Precinct station-house.** 553 45th St., between Third and Fourth avenues in Bay Ridge, 7:30 pm. Call (718) 439-4220.

**42nd Precinct Community Council.** Monthly meeting. 42nd Precinct station-house (1925 Bath Ave., at Bay 22nd Street in Bensonhurst, 7:30 pm. Call (718) 236-2501.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 23**

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## CIVIC CALENDAR

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**Brooklyn co-housing orientation.** Learn about building a "co-housing community" of private apartments clustered around communal spaces. Park Slope Food Coop (782 Union St., between Sixth and Seventh avenues, 10 a.m. to noon. Call (212) 229-9392 for info.

### MONDAY, OCT. 20

**94th Precinct Community Council.** Monthly meeting. North Fork Bank (804 Manhattan Ave., at Calyer Street in Greenpoint). Call (718) 383-5296 for info and time.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 21

**84th Precinct Community Council.** Monthly meeting. On the agenda: Cop of the month. Baptist Temple (360 Schermerhorn St., between Nevins Street and Third Avenue in Boerum Hill). 7 pm. Call (718) 875-6811 for info.

### 88th Precinct Community Council.

Monthly meeting. 88 South Oxford St., between Lafayette and Greene avenues in Fort Greene, 7:30 pm. Call (718) 636-6511 for info.

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# Just 'Watch'!

Iraq drama returns to St. Ann's Warehouse

By Sarah Portlock  
The Brooklyn Paper

The machismo, the gore, the heroism, the boredom — these are the standard themes of art about war. We've seen it all before, and yet those of us who were not in the theater of operations have no idea what war is actually like from sitting in a regular theater.

And then there's "Black Watch," the National Theatre of Scotland's searing take on the U.S.-led Iraq War. With soldiers performing three feet from the audience, which is seated on both sides of the stage, and actors moving seamlessly between battle-ready soldier and post-traumatic-stress victim being interviewed for a banal research project, we get a little closer to understanding both what it is like to be there and, more important, what it's like to come back.

The production is back through Nov. 30 at St. Ann's Warehouse, where it had a sold-out run last winter — and it has lost none of its impact.

"Black Watch" centers around a Scottish Army regiment's real experience in Iraq in 2003 after the United States requested that British forces secure the most-dangerous territory in the country. As Americans, we rarely get to hear how the rest of the world — or at least, our allies in kilt — view our "cowboy" approach to foreign policy. For this perspective alone, "Black Watch" is a must see.

But Gregory Burke's drama is not only about the battlefield, but about the return home, when the wounds actually kick in. Called from hours of interviews with Iraq War veterans, Burke's play is about the duality of war in its expertly spun and terrifically crafted staging and in its message.

When the soldiers are on the battlefield, they complain that everyone at home wants to know what war "is like." When they're home in the pub, everyone wants to know what it's like to be home again.

The audience is in on the joke, of course, because both phases of this soldiers story is played out only inches away from viewers.

The innovative performance includes complex battlefield scenes, intense acrobatics and, of course, bapies. There are strobe lights and staccato gunshot sound effects and humor in the face of fear. Watching the actors tear about the stage leaves the audience short of breath.

Of particular note is the scene in which the main character narrates the regiment's 300-year history. The audience is literally walked



'Watch' men: Actors Emun Elliott (above) and Peter Forbes (left) stars in "Black Watch," the searing Iraq War drama making a return engagement at St. Ann's Warehouse in DUMBO.

it while marching or at the pub, where they hold pool cues and lounge at the researcher (and his annoying questions) with simultaneous ferocity.

Such banality serves the exact point of the play: the soldiers don't quite know why they're there, but deal with the circumstances as best they can. And how do you sum up something you're not totally sure you understand?

What sets this war drama apart is the immediacy of battle in a theater. The homoeroticism and bro-mantic relationships follow from war to bar, but what we see back home, and tangibly in front of us, is instead how the war affected each soldier. What the soldiers don't know is that the firefight they wanted in Iraq will actually be the fight to return home and, naturally, face the question about what "it" was like.

I can't pretend I know, as I haven't been to Iraq or to war, but I feel like I've followed someone else there, having seen "Black Watch." And it's enough to know that it's a place where we're dragging in a lot of unwitting guests, willing to go for their own motives but struggling to ever fully come back.

## THEATER

"Black Watch" runs Oct. 9-Nov. 30 at St. Ann's Warehouse (35 Water St., between Main and Dock streets in DUMBO). Tickets start at \$55. Call (718) 254-8779 for info.

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## OUR OPINION

# Bloomberg's Coney baloney

Mayor Bloomberg wasted \$11 million in taxpayer money this week to buy a single acre of land in Coney Island.

Bloomberg and his economic development minions hailed this purchase as the first step towards revitalizing the entire amusement area of Coney Island, but the real-estate deal is actually the first step in a process that will likely lead to a further *weakening* of Coney's amusement zone. Here's how:

Coney Island's amusement area is currently zoned so that only amusements — rides, games of chance, Shoot the Freak booths and landmarks like the Cyclone and the Wonder Wheel — can operate there. That zoning, officially called C-7, prevents such controversial uses as hotels, condos, community facilities and other non-amusement activities in an area roughly between Keyspan Park at West 22nd Street and the New York Aquarium at West 10th Street.

Yet the Bloomberg Administration wants to rezone the area as "park land" and then lease the land to amusement companies or a single theme-park operator to create a revitalized Coney Island with exciting new rides and outdoor and year-round indoor attractions.

That's a vision that we certainly share — though we have long argued that the best way to realize that vision is to allow private developers, who are subject to market forces and public review processes, to build it.

One such developer, Joe Sitt, owns five acres of the nine acres that the city wants to rezone as "park land." The Bloomberg Administration has made it clear that it does not want to give Sitt the chance to build a multi-billion-dollar Xanadu, even though he owns the land and his development would have to conform to the existing amusement zoning.

And therein lies the problem.

Under questioning from The Brooklyn Paper, city officials admitted this week that if the area is rezoned as "park land," virtually anything can be built there. The city zoning resolution does not require "park land" to be set aside as green space, to be devoid of commercial activity or, indeed, to be off-limits to housing development.

Actually, all it does is put such "park land" in the sole control of the mayor's office. No rezoning hearings or public review process will kick in if the city later wants to build

a hotel or a conference center or housing or a shopping mall in the so-called "People's Playground."

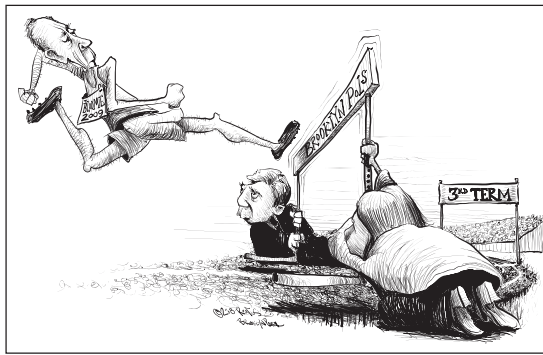
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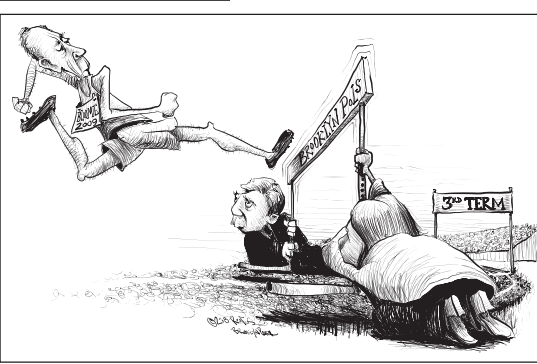
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## Beep at rally: Continuum wants to bleed hospital to death

By Mike McLaughlin  
The Brooklyn Paper

Politicians, medical staff and community residents rallied to support Long Island College Hospital on Tuesday, but their ongoing struggle shows no sign of bearing fruit as the hospital's parent company remains intent on closing the maternity, pediatrics and dentistry departments. Borough President Markowitz said that Continuum Health Partners,

the Manhattan-based company that owns LICH, "is intent on bleeding this hospital to death." More than 100 people showed their support when the Beep added, "Laying off people is not an option." Continuing services is not an option. But officials from Continuum have asked the state Department of Health to allow the company to shutter the maternity, pediatrics and dental departments, insisting that such drastic measures

are necessary. "Tuesday's rally is not deterring our form pursuing our restructuring plan, which we feel is the best plan and most practical plan to get LICH back on stronger financial footing," said company spokesman Jim Mandler. The authenticity of the dire picture painted by Continuum about the 150-year-old hospital's finances continues to be questioned by critics.

Last week, The Brooklyn Paper reported that financial audits for the last two years showed that the hospital was stable in 2006, but an audit by the same accounting firm just one year later raised grave concerns about the long-term viability of the medical center. Continuum told The Brooklyn Paper that the abrupt turn for the worse partly stemmed from a drop in patient volume. But this week, Continuum admitted that there had been barely any

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By Emily Levin  
The Brooklyn Paper

New "No dogs" signs in Prospect Park have unleashed a fury from dog owners who say park officials are arbitrarily enforcing regulations and unfairly targeting their four-legged friends. The bright blue signs showed up on paths leading to the Long Meadow a few weeks ago, and remind dog walkers that their pets are not allowed on the grass — even on a leash — except during the designated off-leash hours. The signs threaten a \$100 fine. Park Skipper Seth Kamil spoke for many of his fellow dog owners when he suggested that the signs wrongly target canine aficionados while ignoring a bigger problem than the few dog lovers who actually walk their pets across the Long Meadow. "The signs are fine, but what angers me is the inconsistent enforcement of the rules and policies," said Kamil, who owns the Big Onion Walking Tour company. "[Park cops] strictly enforce dog rules, but they turn a

blind eye to everything else that takes place in the park." "Everything else" includes illegal barbecuing, and high school sports teams and adult leagues whose cleats tear up the grass. "There is a perception out there that dogs ruin the park. Well, 20 grown men wearing cleats do more damage than any dog ever could," Kamil said. "Dogs are just an easy target, because, well, nobody likes to get dog poop on his shoe." But not every dog owner is in Kamil's kennel. Community Board 6 Parks Committee chairwoman — and dog owner — Nica Lalli said the new signs "make sense," given all the complaints she's received about randomly enforced dog rules in the park. "The signs let people know that dogs are simply not allowed on the fields," she said. "It was a shame that the rule was previously unclear, but now that is a clear rule, we need to follow it. This is a big, multi-use park, with millions of people who come to it. We all need to do our part to keep it fun for everyone."



New signs have been installed in Prospect Park alerting dog owners that they can no longer take their leashed pets into many areas of the park.

Until now, a "grace period" was in effect, said Eugene Patron, a spokesman for the Prospect Park Alliance. But the installation of the "No dogs" signs signals that tickets will be issued. "The ticketing is just a natural progression, because now people are expected to know what is and is not allowed," he said.

# Yassky AWOL on term limits

By Mike McLaughlin  
The Brooklyn Paper

The city is being torn to shreds in the debate over term limits, and Councilman David Yassky is nowhere to be found on the issue. On the eve of Thursday's and Friday's hearings about the issue, a Yassky spokesman maintained that the Brooklyn Heights Councilman was unavailable. Yassky himself, who has been running for comptroller — though might alter that choice if he could run for a third term in the council in 2009 — did not return calls from The Brooklyn Paper. But in a letter to a constituent obtained by The Paper, Yassky said he is wrestling with what he said were the imperfect options of the term-limit debate. "While I believe that it is better for the city to have 12-year term limits instead of eight, the current limits were twice approved by the voters of this city through a clear and direct ballot process," wrote Yassky. On the other hand, the letter continued, "As Mayor Bloomberg has put the issue before the council, it is incumbent upon me to weigh the benefits of a 12-year limit against the desire to have the decision remain in the hands of the voters." His constituents are fed up with the hand-wringing, saying that Yassky, who has sought higher office before, is only thinking about his own political survival. "He told me that if [current Comptroller] Bill Thompson did not run for mayor and ran for a third term as comptroller, he [Yassky] would not run for comptroller," said an activist who requested anonymity.

Other groups poured pressure on Yassky this week to come clean about where he stands. The Working Families Party collected 700 signatures from voters in Yassky's district, which stretches from Greenpoint through Brooklyn Heights to Park Slope, and then delivered those signatures in a big stack to Yassky's district office on Court Street in Downtown Brooklyn on Tuesday. "David Yassky is somebody the Working Families Party is proud to agree with 90 percent of the time. [But he isn't on the right side of this thing yet]," said Dan Le-

itman, a spokesman for the third party. Other councilmembers are more outspoken about their positions: Councilmembers Bill DeBlasio (D-Park Slope) and Letitia James (D-Fort Greene) are backing a bill to bring the term-limit issue back to voters, who approved the two-term cap in 1993 and 1996. Councilman Vince Gentile (D-Bay Ridge), who can run for his seat again, says he opposes any change in the current limit. Councilman Domenic Recchia (D-Bensonhurst) strongly supports the mayor's bill.



Members of the Working Families Party collected signatures on a petition demanding a public referendum on term limits and gave them to a staffer in Councilman David Yassky's office on Court Street.

# A new 'lounge' for a great Vietnamese sandwich

By Sarah Portlock  
The Brooklyn Paper

Park Skippers who are still bemoaning the loss of the Tea Lounge will be able to satisfy a different craving when the beloved Vietnamese sandwich shop Hanoi's

opens in the Seventh Avenue space. The popular Carroll Gardens *banh mi* and bubble tea emporium will open in the space at the corner of 10th Street in the next two months, a manager said, confirming rumors first reported by Gowanus Lounge,

a Web site. "After looking at that the area, [we saw] that there is no Vietnamese food over there and we just want to bring something to the neighborhood," manager Michael Ting told The Brooklyn Paper. The shop will have an expanded tea se-

lection, and Ting said they are considering opening a coffee bar. But the main attraction will be the *banh mi*, that delectable French-influenced Vietnamese sandwich that comes with pork, pickled vegetables and a mayonaisse-like spread piled high into a baguette — a remnant of France's

one-time dominance in Indochina. Hanoi's has signed the lease, though some details remain to be worked out. But neighbors were excited to hear that a storefront empty since July — and one that was once popular a spot with Wi-Fi-surfing freelancers — would again come to life.

"We're excited, although I will personally miss my 3 pm espresso from 'Tea Lounge,'" said Maria Macchia, a real estate broker at Betancourt Realty across the street. "Hanoi's is great because it's basically dinner for \$5," she said. "I go there all the time."

## FAMILY CALENDAR

Compiled by Susan Rosenthal Jay

Kids can learn about bamboo at the newly refurbished Brooklyn Children's Museum next Saturday.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 18**  
11 am and 2 pm: Art-making class for kids with an adult companion. \$8, children 12 and under free. Brooklyn Museum (200 Eastern Parkway at Washington Avenue, 718) 638-5000.  
11 am: Cloning with Julie the clown. Brooklyn Public Library's Eastern Parkway branch (1044 Eastern Parkway at Schenectady Avenue in Crown Heights). Free. Call (718) 953-4225 for info.  
2:30 pm: Book and movie club invites teens to read a book and see its film version. Today: "The Outsiders." Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch, Grand Army Plaza at Eastern Parkway in Park Slope. Free. Call (718) 230-2100 for info.  
**SUNDAY, OCT. 19**  
11 am and 2 pm: Art-making class. See Saturday, Oct. 18.  
12:30 pm and 2:30 pm: "Hansel and Gretel." See Saturday, Oct. 18.  
11 am to 4 pm: Harvest Festival and costume swap for kids. Old Stone House in JJ Byrne Park (Fifth Avenue between Third and Fourth streets). Free. For info visit [www.parkscopcoincouncil.org](http://www.parkscopcoincouncil.org).  
**MONDAY, OCT. 20**  
4 pm: Big Movies for Little Kids presents "Tallah Spah," water-themed shorts. \$6. Cobble Hill Cinemas (265 Court St. near Kane Street). Call (718) 396-4995 for info.  
4 pm: Acting lessons for 4 to 14-year-olds. Call information to [Calendar@BrooklynPaper.com](mailto:Calendar@BrooklynPaper.com).

## CONEY ISLAND...

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multiple ride companies. Residential units are not part of the mayor's plan, but a hotel is. Since then, it's been a war of words between Sitt and the Bloomberg administration despite many similarities in the two camps' plans. Sitt says that the city is blocking his grand design to refashion the "People's Playground" into a world-class pleasure destination. He says his plan could be realized without the need to spend tens, if not hundreds, of million dollars of taxpayer money to buy his land and land owned by other smaller landowners. Bloomberg officials have said that Sitt, best known as a shopping mall developer, is simply not up to the job of rebuilding



Joe Sitt. But the Bloomberg Administration is up against the clock. It wants to start the time-consuming rezoning process this winter, which would make it tough to finish before next year's mayoral election, which may or may not include Bloomberg running for re-election.

## JUDGES...

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Acting Administrative Judge Alex Gerges — who has long defended the judges' right to seize parkland for their cars — defended the automotive choices of his taxpayer-paid employees. "Judges are citizens of this country and city state, and I'm certainly not going to dictate to anybody — whether a judge or a newspaper person!" — he said or he should drive, said Gerges, who said he does not drive to work from his Brooklyn Heights home. "I think that they [judges] are entitled to buy whatever kind of car they want."

forced to detour around it despite the plethora of walkable space between the cars. Despite community pressure, Gerges has maintained that his judges need parking spaces inside Columbus Park to ensure their safety. But last week, a Daily News investigation found that roughly half of the cars parked in the temporary space are registered to veterinarians, law clerks, court aides and others — not judges. Of the 30 vehicles in the News report, 55 percent were registered to judges. That's down from 60 percent when the News did the same analysis last year. — with Evan Gardner and Emily Levin

## BLOOMY...

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All told, the donations have been between \$60,000 and \$1 million since 2003 — the year Ratner unveiled Atlantic Yards, which has enjoyed unbending support from Markowitz. The borough president told The Brooklyn Paper in a state-

## VEGETARIAN...

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2005. "People tend to be a little less abusive to the restaurant" for selling meat dishes, said Charlie Statelman, the owner of Café on Clinton in Cobble Hill, and veteran of the seminal Patios on Smith Street, a bistro that did not cede any ground to vegetarians. "Vegetarians used to come in and expect special orders and be hard on the wait staff," he said. Not anymore. Brooklyn Goes Veg! runs from Oct. 19-25. Visit [www.brooklyngoesveg.com](http://www.brooklyngoesveg.com) for info and a list of participants.

## Earth Tonz

49th Ave. between Fourth and Fifth streets in Park Slope. (718) 395-1516. One of the newest veggie restaurants, Earth Tonz features mostly veggie meals with an emphasis on freshness. Try the Philly cheese "steak" or "luna" salad with curried veggie tuna, fresh greens, red onions, shredded carrots and cherry tomatoes. Hours: Sunday-Thurs., noon-10 pm; Friday, noon-sunset; Saturdays, sunset-midnight. For vegan food in a hurry, there is no better bet than this fast-food joint that serves up a hearty stock of mock meat. Philly cheesesteaks, burgers, "not" dogs and drumsticks — complete with bamboo "bones" — are sure to satisfy when you're craving some down-home grub. Late-night revelers can cozy up with veggie milkshakes and cookies. And even if you regret that late night binge, at least it was cruelty free. Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 5 pm-midnight; Friday, 5 pm-2 am; Saturday, 2 pm-2 am; Sunday, 2-11 pm; closed Monday.

## Red Bamboo

271 Adelphi St. at DeKalb Avenue in Fort Greene. (718) 642-4806. Jason Wong's Red Bamboo specializes in Caribbean and Soul Food-style vegetarian dishes that taste like the real McCoy. Their "soul chicken" is a registered trademark: Cajun-flavored soy chicken coated breaded with panko and served with a hickory-smoked Vidalia dressing. There's also jerk "chicken" and buffalo "bacon." You're certainly in no danger of mistaking tasteless alfalfa sprouts in this

swanky veggie bar and lounge. Hours: Monday-Wednesday, noon-11 pm; Thursday-Saturday, Friday, noon-2 am; Saturday, 11 pm-2 am; Sunday, 11 am-11 pm. "Vegetarians used to come in and expect special orders and be hard on the wait staff," he said. Not anymore. Brooklyn Goes Veg! runs from Oct. 19-25. Visit [www.brooklyngoesveg.com](http://www.brooklyngoesveg.com) for info and a list of participants.

## No meat, please

These eight Brooklyn restaurants still have the guts to feature a no-meat menu, though only Red Bamboo is participating in the "Brooklyn Goes Veg!" promotion.

**Bliss**  
191 Bedford Ave. at North Sixth Street in Williamsburg. (718) 599-2547. Bliss is a slice of heaven for vegetarians seeking more than soy-based meat substitutes, serving hearty veggie dishes like the seitan steak sandwich and "chili con carne" — grilled cornbread topped with chili, pico de gallo and sour cream. Both will make you forget you're at a veggie haunt. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am-11 pm; Saturday-Sunday, 10 am-11 pm. Cash only.

## Urban Spring

185 DeKalb Ave. at Carlton Avenue in Fort Greene. (718) 237-0797. This place has been around since 2000, but started as an idea in Afghanistan, of all places, where the co-owners were working for the UN. With an extensive and refined menu, try one of the homemade juices and smoothies, a specialty. Hours: 7:30 am-7:30 pm daily. Cash only.

## Vegetarian Ginger

128 Montague St. at Henry Street in Brooklyn Heights. (718) 245-1288. A relative newcomer, Vegetarian Ginger serves up all your favorite classic Chinese dishes — except with meat substitutes like tofu and seitan taking center stage. Try the "Mango Soy Protein," thin-sliced medallions sautéed in a plum sauce with mango sweet sage turnips, bell pepper and onion.

## The V-Spot

156 Fifth Ave. at Douglas Street in Park Slope. (718) 622-2275. It's almost hard to believe that everything on the menu is veggie with a wide selection of paninis, wraps, burgers and pastas at this two-year-old eatery. In addition to the fresh-squeezed juices and organic wine and beer, they also have raw and gluten-free options. Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 11 am-10 pm; closed Monday.

## Wild Ginger Cafe

212 Bedford Ave. at North Fifth Street in Williamsburg. (718) 218-8828. Williamsburg's pan-Asian veggie cafe offers a slew of satian preparations, including smoked teriyaki and rice, but the most popular dish is the black pepper satian. If spicy food entices, try the General Tso's soy protein (best with a minced lent). The pineapple-fried rice is also a hit, and an especially good choice for those looking for a more traditional Asian style. Hours: Sunday-Thursday, noon-11 pm; Friday-Saturday, noon-11:30 pm.





